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1. RVN PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN MAY 22 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT RVN DEL, IN TODAY'S MEETING OF CHIEFS, ADVANCED 7- POINT PROPOSAL FOR EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING CEASE- FIRE. ACCORDING TO RVN MILITARY SPOKESMAN HIEN, THE SEVEN POINTS, WHICH WERE " REJECTED" BY THE OTHER SIDE, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A JOINT APPEAL, TO BE ISSUED BY THE FOUR PARTIES WHICH SIGNED THE PARIS ACCORD, TO END THE FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIET- NAM;

(2) 48 HOURS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THIS JOINT APPEAL, OPPOSING FORCES MUST CEASE FIRE AND REMAIN IN PLACE;

(3) DELINEATION OF AREAS OF CONTROL OF MILITARY UNITS, FROM PLATOON SIZE ON UP;

(4) IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION OF POSITIONS WHICH WERE HELD BY EITHER SIDE PRIOR TO JANUARY 28. (COMMENT: THE MEANING OF THIS WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, ALTHOUGH RVN PRESS OFFICE SOURCE INDICATED IT REFERRED TO AREAS LIKE CUA VIET, WHICH WERE HELD BY RVN ON JANUARY 28 BUT WHERE OTHER SIDE SUBSEQUENT- LY EXPLOITED CEASE- FIRE TO COMMIT VIOLATION.)

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(5) DEPLOYMENT OF TPJMC PERSONNEL TO REGIONS AND SUB- REGIONS;

(6) IMMEDIATE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS;

(7) ONCE THE ABOVE SIX POINTS HAVE COME INTO EFFECT, TO DISCUSS MEETINGS OF FIELD COMMANDERS.

2. RVN DEL, QUERIED ABOUT TODAY' S ANNOUNCEMENT, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THEY CONSIDERED TODAY' S SEVEN POINTS A FAIRLY ROUTINE PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS, MOST IF NOT ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BEXZRE. NONETHLESS, HIEN' S HIGHLIGHTING OF TODAY' S PROPOSALS IS LIKELY TO ENGENDER GREATER- THAN- USUAL PRESS INTEREST.

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